

## NOTES FROM NEIGHBORING STATES.

A national bank is to be established at Front Royal, Va.

The apple crop in Loudoun county, Va., is abundant.

A colony of Canadians is to be formed near Lumberton, N. C.

It is estimated that 70,000 tons of fertilizers were sold in North Carolina the past season.

Thieves broke into the store of Howard Brothers, at Cox's Station, Md., on Wednesday night, and stole \$200.

Twenty-five young painters from the Artists' Academy, Cincinnati, are sketching about the Natural Bridge, Va.

United States surveyors are now surveying the Roanoke river, in Virginia. At its last session Congress appropriated \$10,000 for this work.

Mrs. Belva Lockwood applied for admission to the Maryland bar to Judge Chew, at Port Tobacco, last week, but the judge was inexorable.

Though in nearly all other parts of the State rain has fallen within the past week, the region about Charlotte, N. C., is still suffering from a destructive drouth.

Red foxes are committing depredations on the barnyard fowls of Anne Arundel county, Md. Forty turkeys and several hundred chickens were killed by them in one locality last week.

A circus visited Franklin, Macon county, N. C., on the 15th, and the crowd that came to see the show got quarrelsome and a riot was developed. Many were injured and several arrests made.

The "Big Hill" iron lands, in upper Botetourt county, Va., have been purchased by Col. John W. Skiles for \$60,000. A furnace will be erected on the property shortly by Pennsylvania capital.

Dr. Daniel Tompkins, a venerable citizen of Bedford county, Va., says the present dry spell in that State has not been equaled since the memorable drouth of 1806, of which the old gentleman has a clear recollection.

One day last week, as Hon. R. B. Vance was passing by a building undergoing repairs in Asheville, N. C., the bucket used to haul up bricks to the workmen in some way fell and struck the gentleman on the head, inflicting a severe wound, which bled freely. Mr. Vance is now doing well.

A tramp entered a store at Greenway, Clarke county, Va., recently, and asked the merchant if he wanted to buy his bag of wool. The merchant glanced carelessly into the bag, said yes, and paid the tramp \$8. A close inspection after the man had gone on his way rejoicing revealed the fact that the bag contained raw cotton.

It is said that an association of Philadelphia Germans has been formed to establish a colony near Asheville, N. C., many of the features of the new venture being quite remarkable. The association has purchased 20,000 acres of land on which to settle and build their town, the government of which is to be of a decidedly Communitistic character. No lawyers or ministers will be allowed to settle among them, and all idle and disreputable members will be expelled the community, should any such gain admittance at the outset. The society proposes to manufacture almost everything. Special attention will be given to weaving and silk culture.